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Subject: SPB 8/18 Monday Morning News

**SPECIAL PROJECTS BRANCH**  
**MONDAY MORNING NEWS**  
**Week of: August 18, 2003**

**PRE-REMEDIAL SECTION (8/18)**

**NJ (almost) NPL Sites** - We received word that DEP has accepted the original agreement on Duane Marine, which was not acceptable to them last year, but now appears to be OK. Additionally, DEP has apparently signed an MOA for Middlesex Industrial / GATX, a site which DEP requested NPL listing for, and that was rejected last month by DEP's Dispute Resolution office for further DEP involvement. We have just completed an HRS package for Middlesex

Industrial, and were planning on proposing the site to the NPL this fall. PRS requested, through DEP staff, that we be notified of these events formally.

**Diaz Chemical** - PRS coordinating meeting with NYSAG's office. Follow-up sampling being scheduled for end of month.

**Vieques** - Bill McCabe and Dennis Munhall are attending the meeting with the Navy (see FFS below).

**Hudson River Floodplains** - A draft sampling plan for EPA review was received at the end of the week.

#### **FEDERAL FACILITIES SECTION** (8/18)

**Vieques** - The Navy met with Barry Breen 8/14 to discuss NPL listing; DOI and the Corps were invited. McCabe and Munhall attended.

East End - FFS has completed review of RCRA East End documents for consistency with CERCLA in anticipation of NPL listing and transition from RCRA to CERCLA. So as not to delay fieldwork RCRA will address CERCLA comments in an RFI WP addendum.

West End - All CERCLA West End documents have been reviewed but we are discussing a few remaining issues with the Navy on NFA sites and WP for RI sites.

**Maywood** - We have ROD language that should satisfy institutional controls and post ROD requirements that will allow construction to proceed without delay/loss of funds. We gave the Corps the go ahead to finalize the ROD. NJDEP has the usual problems; state 'requirements' that exceed federal; NJDEP is probably not going to concur anyway, as they didn't on the Wayne ROD.

**Brookhaven** - We are reviewing a revised PRAP, focused FS and Action Memo for the Peconic River to excavate sediments to attain a clean up target of 1 ppm mercury on the DOE property and 0.75 ppm in the adjacent county parkland. County DOH has balked at the off site remedy because of some new samples they took recently. This will delay the PRAP but DOE intends to go ahead with the on site removal.

#### **MEGA PROJECTS TEAM** (8/18)

**Iceland Coin Laundry** - We are currently reviewing the preliminary groundwater data which we recently obtained from our contractor.

**Ciba Geigy** - Last week, the company received approval of their site plan, which shows the buildings to be constructed as part of the cleanup, from the Dover Township Planning Board.

The company can now move ahead and secure all the local permits needed to construct the buildings.

Award of contracts to construct the buildings is expected by the end of the month.

**White Swan Cleaners** - This week, we are continuing to take indoor air samples from residents in the study area.. On Friday, we will be hold the RI/FS scoping meeting with our contractor and the contracting officer.

### **CONSTRUCTION COMPLETIONS**

**Franklin Burn** -PCOR signed.

**Wayne** - Excavation activities completed at the Township Park property; restoration underway. Re-evaluation of commercial properties show Ok for unrestricted use. Corps is completing work on right-of-way. Corps is revising PCOR based on comments.